

made her insist she was descended from royalty or needed to return to her real home in Jerusalem—also made her refuse any kind of housing.

For more than two decades this tugging and pulling continued. As one former staffer put it, “she broke your heart” when she left the shelter at its 2:30 p.m. closing time, heading out into bruising heat in the summer, into the cold and the snow on wintry days. Housing—temporary or permanent—wasn’t for her, nor was the medication that might have allowed her to see the world differently.

But her decades on the streets began to take their toll on Stella. And, frankly she was no match for the Lunch Place staffers who were tireless in their devotion and relentless in their efforts to make whatever time remained for Stella safe and comfortable.

So for the last two years of her life Stella had a roof over her head and a place to call home.

And at the end of her days she had what so many others with so much more in material wealth would envy. She had at her bedside people who loved her. They loved her—we all loved her—for the simplest of reasons. She returned our affection and our kindness tenfold. She taught us that grace and dignity aren’t a function of wealth or power. And at the beginning of a new year she reminded us—even in death—that being poor or homeless or mentally ill doesn’t rob you of that grace or that dignity. That comes from within. Stella taught us that.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 35. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

H.R. 36. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 35. An act to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as

the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 36. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 22. A bill to designate certain land components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 181. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 182. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-251. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Farm Program Payment Limitation and Payment Eligibility for 2009 and Subsequent Crop, Program, or Fiscal Years” (RIN0560-AH85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-252. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Proliferation Security Initiative; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-253. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department’s competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-254. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report and Recommendations Pursuant to Section 133 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008: Study on Mark-To-Market Accounting”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-255. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-256. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-257. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Matching Requirement in McKinney-Vento Act Programs” (RIN2506-AC24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-258. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Financial Education Programs That Include the Provision of Bank Products and Services” (RIN3064-AD28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-259. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Deposit Insurance Requirements After Certain Conversions; Definition of ‘Corporate Reorganization’; Optional Conversions (‘Oakar Transactions’); Additional Grounds for Disapproval of Changes in Control; and Disclosure of Certain Supervisory Information” (RIN3064-AD25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-260. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Assessment Dividends” (RIN3064-AD27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-261. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Actions Taken on Office of Inspector General Recommendations”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-262. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision of Restricted Areas 4806W, 4807A&B, and 4809; Nevada” ((Docket No. FAA-2008-1252)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AWP-12)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-263. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision of Class E Airspace; Ketchikan, AK” ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0998)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-29)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-264. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule